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For: **METHOD FOR THE
IDENTIFICATION OF MODULATORS
OF A SECRETASE ACTIVITY**

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 7 of this paper.